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TAGS: ETRD, ECIN, IA-ECOSOC

SUBJECT: SELA AND IA-ECOSOC MEETING

REFS: (A) MEXICO 2103, (B) STATE 190915 OF 8/30/74

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH AMEMBASSY MEXICO'S ASSESSMENT
IN PARA. 3 REF (A) (2103 BEING REPEATED TO ALL POSTS
SEPARATELY) THAT NEGATIVE U.S. STANCE ON SELA PROPOSAL
WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AT THIS TIME.

2. AS INDICATED PARA. 7 REF (B) , WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE
THAT U.S. SHOULD NOT RAISE ISSUE IN OFFICIAL CONTACTS
WITH LA GOVERNMENTS, SINCE SELA PROPOSAL SPECIFICALLY
INDICATES THAT U.S. WOULD NOT BE MEMBER OF PROPOSED
ORGANIZATION.

3. IF U.S. OPINION ON SELA PROPOSAL IS SOLICITED BY HOST
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GOVERNMENTS, POSTS SHOULD RESPOND ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

(A) WE CONTINUE OUR LONG-STANDING SUPPORT OF SOUNDLY BASED EFFORTS FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION TO AID ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

(B) WE VIEW EFFORTS BY THE MORE DEVELOPED LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO SHARE THEIR RESOURCES WITH OTHER COUNTRIES AS POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT EFFORT IN THE HEMISPHERE; WE WOULD CONSIDER WAYS IN WHICH THE U.S. COULD COOPERATE WITH SUCH COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO MAKE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS EVEN MORE EFFECTIVE.

(C) (ONLY IF PROPOSAL TO USE SELA TO SUPPORT RAW MATERIALS PRICES IS RAISED): IN HIS MARCH 1 SPEECH IN HOUSTON, SECRETARY KISSINGER INDICATED OUR SUPPORT FOR A PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE ON A REGIONAL BASIS ON PROBLEMS RELATED TO RAW MATERIALS. HOWEVER, THE U.S. REMAINS FIRMLY OPPOSED TO ANY MEASURES TAKEN UNILATERALLY BY PRODUCERS OR PRODUCER ORGANIZATIONS WHICH WOULD RESTRICT ACCESS TO RAW MATERIALS OR WHICH WOULD ARTIFICIALLY RAISE THE PRICES OF THESE RESOURCES TO A LEVEL WHICH WOULD BE DISRUPTIVE TO THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY. INGERSOLL

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